(c) whether the demands raised/proposed to be considered in this meeting have been departmentally examined;

(d) if so, the result of such examination; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to convene the meeting forthwith and timely meetings in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE, IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Though the agenda for the meeting of the Departmental Council has been received, it has not been possible to hold the meeting so far, for various reasons, *inter-alia*, reconstitution of the Departmental Council based on the fresh nominations, after the concerned Associations conducted their annual elections.

(c) to (e) The demands raised by the staff side have been processed and decisions thereon will be taken after discussions in the next meeting, which will be held in near future.

Recommendation of committee for CSS cadre restructure

4616. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Departmental Committee constituted to review cadre structure of Central Secretariat Service has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made therein;

(c) whether Government have assessed impact of the recommendations on stagnation of officers in various categories particularly Grade-I/Selection Grade and Senior Selection Grade during the next four to six years; and

(d) if so, how many Grade-I officers of select list 1987 to 1990 are likely to be included in the select list of selection Grade Officers/ Directors by July 2004 who have already rendered nearly 14 years of approved Group 'A' Service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) The Committee set up by the Government for restructuring .of Central Secretariat Service (CSS) has submitted its report on 28.2.2002. The Committee has made several recommendations to ease the stagnation in CSS. However, no final decision has been taken on these recommendations. Hence, it is not possible to indicate the impact of the report on various grades, including Grade-I/Selection Grade and Senior Selection Grade as also as to how many Grade-I officers of Select List 1987 to 1990 will be included in the list of Selection Grade Officers/Directors by July, 2004.

Alagh Committee to Review functioning of Civil Services Examination

4617. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Y.K. Alagh Committee appointed by Government to review functioning of the Civil Services Examinations has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations;

(c) whether Government have examined these recommendations; and

(d) the decision taken with regard to their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Union Public Service Commission had appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Y.K. Alagh to review the present scheme of Civil Services Examination. The Review Committee has submitted its report to the Commission on 22.10.2001. The salient recommendations of the Committee pertain to the areas of eligibility parameters of candidates appearing for Civil Services Examination, schemes of Preliminary and main examinations, Personality Testing, allocation of services and post-induction issues of training and management of services.